

Appln No. 10/040,472
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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 5 to 9 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Suzuki (JP 11301859).

With respect, Applicant disagrees. In particular, Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner's construction of the term "hinge joint". Applicant submits that a hinge joint, as that term would be understood by the skilled addressee does not include the part or space between two articulations as the Examiner has illustrated in the modified version of Figure 5 from Suzuki. The "hinge joint" disclosed by Suzuki is the "pivot" 7 of Figure 7, and there is no teaching or suggestion that there is any component of the printer housed within the pivot.

However, in order to more explicitly distinguish the claim from the prior art, the Applicant has amended claim 5 to now recite that the hinge joint defines a cavity inside a component of the hinge joint, and that the portion of the printer is located within the cavity. Applicant submits that should the Examiner maintain the construction of "hinge joint" previously stated, claim 5 is distinguished from Suzuki because no component of the printer is disposed within a cavity of a component of the hinge joint.

Claims 6 to 9 all incorporate the subject matter of claim 5, and therefore the Applicant submits that these claims are also distinguished from Suzuki by extension of the arguments presented above.

In light of the amendments and remarks made herein, further consideration of the application is respectfully requested.

Very respectfully,

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